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September 19, 2014

22nd Annual Poolesville Day!
Saturday, September 20 10am-4pm
Visit <http://www.poolesvilleday.com> for details



Quality of Life Committee Meeting
(Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board)
Monday, September 29 7:00pm-9:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Quality of Life Committee of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board will meet to discuss youth-related issues and out-of-school activities. The public is welcomed at board meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Upcounty Regional Services Director Catherine Matthews at 240-777-8040.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

September 23 is National Voter Registration Day 2014!

As part of a massive 50-state effort to register thousands of voters before Election Day, November 4, 2014, volunteers from the Multicultural Outreach Committee and Future Vote Program of the **Montgomery County Board of Elections** will **conduct voter registration drives on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. during September at local public libraries according to the following schedule:**

Wednesday, September 17:

Staff of the Montgomery County Board of Elections will be at the National Institutes of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20:

Damascus Library, 9701 Main Street, Damascus, MD 20872
Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866
Olney Library, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney, MD 20832
Poolesville Library, 19633 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, MD 20837
Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902
White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904
In addition, staff of the Montgomery County Board of Elections will be at Poolesville Day from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21:

Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866
Olney Library, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney, MD 20832
Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902

The goal for the 2014 National Voter Registration Day is to increase participation by encouraging Americans to register to vote and come to the polls this fall. To check to see if you are registered and for more information go to:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>.

As a non-partisan unofficial national holiday, National Voter Registration Day counts on thousands of partners and volunteers across the political spectrum. Started in 2012 for the presidential election, National Voter Registration Day is designed to create an annual moment when the entire nation focuses on registering Americans to exercise their most basic right—the right to vote.

Americans can register at hundreds of events across the nation and online at www.NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org. Supporters can also follow National Voter Registration Day activities through social media on September 23 by searching #CelebrateNVRD.

The Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia presents . . .



REYNA GRANDE
Wednesday, October 1, 11 a.m.
Globe Hall
Montgomery College – Germantown Campus
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

AUTHOR of *THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US*

In *The Distance Between Us*, Ms. Grande writes about her life before and after emigrating from Mexico. When Reyna was a toddler, her parents left for the U.S. to find work, leaving Reyna and her siblings behind in Mexico. In 1985, Reyna, age 9, entered the U.S. Ms. Grande received the American Book Award and Latino Book Award for her novels *Across a Hundred Mountains* and *Dancing with Butterflies*.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the College's website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum> or email joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu

Montgomery Parks Hosts Public Hearing on the Ovid Hazen Wells Master Plan Update
Thursday, October 2
Montgomery County Planning Offices Building
8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

A preliminary time of 4:55 pm has been set for this item; however please check the agenda on Planning Board website closer to the date of the hearing.

Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is holding a public hearing on recommendations for the Ovid Hazen Wells Master Plan Update. Members of the public may comment on the recommendations at the meeting, by email (Rachel.Newhouse@montgomeryparks.org), via the online comment tool or by mail to: M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks, 9500 Brunett Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901. People who would like to testify at the meeting should sign-up online at www.MontgomeryPlanningBoard.org or call 301-495-4605 before 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park is a 290-acre park located in Clarksburg. The parks' Master Plan dates back to 1995 with a number of items from that plan yet to be completed including:

- Determining the final location of the Ovid Hazen Wells carousel and supporting amenities
- Incorporating a Special Recreation Area in the center of the park
- Exploring future plans for The Red Wiggler Farm
- Establishing a greenway link to other area parks, and a trail system within the park; and
- Identifying a possible site for the future Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatics Center

In December 2013, Montgomery Parks' staff began efforts to update the plan to address these items, by conducting extensive outreach to include input from the community. Numerous presentations were given to members of the community and civic/home owner associations including, the Clarksburg Civic Association, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, the Upcounty Recreational Advisory Board, Park Ridge and Arora Hills Home Owner Associations and at Clarksburg Day among other groups and venues. With input from the community and staff expertise, a series of recommendations are proposed to the current Master Plan, including the creation of an active recreation area in the park to feature:

- Carousel Picnic Area & Splash Pad
- Teen Play Area
- Sledding Hill/Open green space
- Lounge Terrace
- Community Open Space
- Dog Park
- Renovated Play Area
- Trail Connection

Other recommendations include:

- Acquisition of an estimated 12 acres of land adjacent to the park, some of which may be used for the future site of the Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatic Center
- Creation of a unique event area near historic structures in the park
- Enhancements to support Red Wiggler Farm's vision
- An expanded trail system

After the public hearing, staff will review all the public comments and prepare a response. The staff response will be discussed with the Planning Board at a work session to be scheduled in October or November. The public will be notified of the work session date and time.

Background on Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park - Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park was donated to Montgomery Parks in 1981 from Hallie Wells, in honor of her late husband Ovid. The donation was made with the stipulation that the carousel currently located in Wheaton Regional Park be located in Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park. The park currently features a large recreational complex with 2 soccer fields, a baseball field, 2 softball fields, a group picnic area and large playground. There are looped hard surface trails that connect the amenities and a parking lot to accommodate 285 cars.

For more information about the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Updates contact Project Coordinator Rachel Newhouse at Rachel.Newhouse@MontgomeryParks.org or at 301-650-4368.

The public is invited to provide comments online, via email, mail or at the October 2nd public hearing!

County Council President Craig Rice to Hold Community Meetings

Focus: Montgomery Village Community

Monday, September 22 6:30pm

Gaithersburg Library

18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg



Among the issues Council President Rice will provide updates on are the future redevelopment on the Montgomery Village golf course site, schools, the possible northward extension of Mid-County Highway (the M83 project), the cleanup of Lake Whetstone and the increased attention to crime prevention. He will also discuss traffic, planned transportation improvements and the long-term future of Lakeforest Mall.

Focus: Upcounty Region

Wednesday, October 8 6:30pm

Rocky Hill Middle School

22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

Residents are invited to attend and share their issues and concerns relating to the county and Upcounty. For more information about these community meetings, call 240-777-7955 or e-mail Councilmember Rice at

Councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

GERMANTOWN OktoberFEST
The Premier Up-County Event

FIREWORKS

Germantown Oktoberfest

October 5, 2014

12 noon - 7:30pm

at High Point Farm

Clarksburg, MD

FREE ADMISSION

Live Music & Performances • Delicious Food • Children's Games & Inflatables • AND MUCH MORE!!!

The poster features a background of large pumpkins. It includes several small inset photos: a group of people at a festival, two women smiling, and a family in traditional German costumes. The text is primarily in red and white, with a black banner for the event name.

Montgomery County Launches New YOLO Campaign

County Executive Ike Leggett joined Councilmembers Craig Rice, Cherri Branson, and Roger Berliner, Montgomery County Public Schools and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to launch YOLO (You Only Live Once), a new campaign to make students aware that they cannot safely cross streets while being distracted cell phones or other devices. The launch was held at Seneca Valley High in Germantown, with remarks in memory of Christina Morris-Ward, who was 15 when she was killed by a car as she walked distracted near the school. For more information (link to [press release](#))



Pictured left to right between posters for the new campaign are: 1st row: Council member Cherri Branson, School Board member Dr. Judith Docca, Leggett, School Board V.P. Patricia O'Neill, Seneca Valley HS principal Marc Cohen, mother of teen pedestrian victim Gwendolyn Ward, Council President Craig Rice and School Board member Rebecca Smondrowski. 2nd row: Director of MDOT Art Holmes and MCPD Traffic Division Director Captain Tom Didone.

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County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>